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1. The Chinese Communists have been using numbers of UN prisoners of war captured in Korea for propaganda tours throughout China.¹ The tours are to demonstrate to the Chinese people Communist political achievements and the success of the "volunteer" forces, as well as to encourage youths to join the army and aid in fund raising.
2. The arrival of the above prisoners in the South China area was coordinated with the Delegation for Comfort of Troops in Korea by Kwangtung Youth and the Delegation of Aid to Korea Volunteers.
3. In Canton some 40 UN prisoners participated in street demonstrations. Most were former residents of South China or Hong Kong and among the group were British and American officers and enlisted men selected for their knowledge of Cantonese dialect. Although detained in a local concentration camp, they have been allowed to write to friends and relatives in order to capitalize on their propaganda value. Broadcasts have also been planned.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly the same prisoners [REDACTED] as leaving Canton on August 2 for Peiping.

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